

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Alan Kaul <kaul@netcom.com>
Subject: [5157] 49er
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9603022201.A10396-0100000@netcom9>

Can't wait much longer for for either QRPP or QQ info and schematics. Has anyone thought about uploading the schematic and the parts placement sketches to one of the pseudo-postscript sites??
Or failing that, can someone tell me when publication of either of those two journals might be expected??

Please and tnx. And 73/72 de alan

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: "Tim Stabler" <TSTABLER@iunhaw1.iun.indiana.edu>
Subject: [5168] Altoids
Message-ID: <1D0DAB26FC@iunhaw1.iun.indiana.edu>

Have no idea what the sales are in your area, wherever that is, but Walgreen's in the Chicago area are selling Altoids at \$1/box instead or the normal \$1.99/box. There is a limit of 2 boxes per visit. I already had an Altoids box but have two more now.

72 de WB9NLZ

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: W3HMS@aol.com
Subject: [5154] Correpondants travers le monde
Message-ID: <960303003403_158629156@emout09.mail.aol.com>

Jean-Francois.....oui, je m'intereesse en votre group. Je habite proche de Three Mile Island ici dans le Pennsylvanie (trois mille ile) un genereteur

d'alimentation electrique par l' energie nuclear qui subir un evenement
proche de <<memlt down>> un peu comme le ville Chernobyl de Russie.

Salut,

John Jaminet

Mechanicsburg, PA/USA

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: gevans@lightspeed.net (Gary H. Evans)
Subject: [5169] Electronics Supply houses
Message-ID: <199603032235.0AA08679@new-ls.lightspeed.net>

Does anyone know of any good electronics supply outlets in the Anaheim Ca.
area? Thanks...Gary - AA6R

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: nwqrp@scn.org (SCN User)
Subject: [5174] FEB 1996 NWQ Newsletter
Message-ID: <199603040213.SAA19596@scn.org>

QRP-L Gang,

You will now find the FEB 1996 NWQ Newsletter online
(see URL below for WWW location.)

We hope you enjoy Spring this year ... and put up wonderful
antennas!

--Brian, KV9X

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996

From: "Harley L. Miller" <hmliller@inf.net>
Subject: [5160] flea market list
Message-ID: <199603041518.JAA08784@source.inf.net>

I just discovered that _someone_ has deleted the shopping list of homebrew parts that was posted. Being left-handed, I usually suspect "sinister forces". Would someone send me a copy?

Harley L. Miller hmliller@inf.net
WB0ROQ QRP-L #393

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Mel Evans <101366.3072@compuserve.com>
Subject: [5162] FTP Help?
Message-ID: <960303170907_101366.3072_JHP36-1@CompuServe.COM>

Hi there,

I've been trying to get into the ftp to down load EASYTRAX, but the machine doesn't seem to like me for some reason.

I'm using Minuet on a DOS machine, a 386, and I can get as far as the machine asking for a password and giving me a default of "anonymous", but when I say yes and press enter, it coughs me out again.

Am I doing something:

- a) Illegal
- b) Silly
- or c) not doing something I should do?

Sorry if this is a FAQ simpleton #1, but I'm very new to this, and so far I haven't succeeded in downloading a thing using FTP.

Thanks in advance

Mel

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GM6JAG, Edinburgh, Scotland

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: R Dyer CPA <rdyer@clarkpud.com>
Subject: [5156] just a note to say thanks
Message-ID: <199603030602.WAA08245@vortex.worldaccess.com>

I appreciate the information on the QRP net new group. I expect to be sending it in after my note to you. You spoke about building qrp rigs. Have you read the open letter in CQ VHF? There was an "article/letter/challenge" to build a CW only 2 mtr transceiver kit in 1-5 watts output. His ideas was this would encourage other NC Techs to upgrade if they could use CW in the VHF frequencies and have others to work. Have you run across any VHF kit for CW only?

73 Rick

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: gary-r-hanson@uiowa.edu (Gary R. Hanson)
Subject: [5167] MXM-40 Kit Building Experience
Message-ID: <v02130503ad5fa84b8abe@[128.255.164.50]>

Hi Gang,

My MXM-40 arrived from the group order earlier this week, but I didn't have time to open it up until Saturday afternoon. What a treat!

The kit comes with with a pcb and three bags of parts: the IF section, the rest of the receiver, and the transmitter section, miscellaneous parts, and a case.

Before starting up the soldering iron, I sorted the IF section parts and stuck the ends into a sheet of styrofoam to cut down on my tendency to wire the wrong parts into the wrong places. I took my pcb board to the kitchen and gave it a good scrubbing with a brillo pad/cleanser combo and gave it the Bruce Williams "water" test. Bruce says cleanliness is everything when soldering. Then, I sat down to solder in the components.

Bruce says to start with the IF cans first. If you hate winding torroid coils, you will love this kit because it took me less than five minutes to mount the 4 IF cans on the board. The mounting holes on this pcb board are all "right on." Whoever did the layout was very meticulous. Every component fit exactly and believe me there are several places where the fit is extremely tight, but I had absolutely no problems anywhere on the board. Next, you mount the Murata filter and the IC chips. Once again, the IC

chips just slid into place without any effort. I found that if I tilted the chips and slid one side in first and then rocked the chips back in the opposite direction they went in very smoothly.

By the way, I switched from a 15 watt iron to a 25 watt iron and I strongly support the "slightly" hotter iron argument. I couldn't believe how much easier it was to solder the components and how much less time I had to keep the iron on the connection....the difference between a half second and almost three seconds. I think I just said good-bye to cold solder joints.

Back to the kit. After the IF cans and the IC chips, Bruce suggests that you solder the resistors and capacitors in. I worked from the left side of the board to the right. I would mount 3 to 4 components, solder them, check for solder bridges with a magnifying glass and check off the part on the parts list. I was bound and determined not to mismount any components. I got all the way down to the last three capacitors and darn if I didn't switch two of them around. Unsoldered the mistake...again, the hotter iron makes this job a whole lot simpler and finished the last components.

I checked the alignment instructions and you need an RF generator or you can build a crystal oscillator using one of the receiver section 4.0 Mhz crystals and a circuit from the handbook. I decided not to rush it so I decided against wiring the crystal oscillator circuit. I needed a break, but couldn't resist the temptation to check out the audio section. The only thing I could find on this entire section of the pcb board that was not screen-print labeled was the 12v + hot wire. Checked the board, the schematic and sure enough, there was a "test" lead hole for this section of testing right where it should be, not labeled but pretty darn obvious. Bruce Williams thinks of all the little details that make a big difference. It is right next to the voltage regulator chip and the test lead connection for one of the IF cans for the product detector.

I wired in an audio jack, hooked up the power supply, prayed the infamous QRP-builder's prayer and flipped the switch.

Well, I held my breath, then heard a beautiful "hiss" coming out of the speaker. I touched my finger to pins 2 and 3 of the LM380N and got a loud hum....a pretty good sign that the audio was working ok.

Well, that was enough success for me. I powered down and took off for a movie. Unfortunately, I have to travel on the road to a conference in Baltimore and won't get back for almost a week. I'll have to wait to do the alignment till then. I'm anxious to hear from the rest of you in the group order. What's your experience been?

So far, it has been too easy. For this kit, though, I promised myself to move slowly and double check everything and not make any STUPID mistakes. Only one minor one so far. While I'm gone, I'm hoping my 49er kit comes.

I have a week's vacation planned for the middle of March and I can't wait to finish up the MXM - 40 and get it on the air, test out the 49er and hope my SuperTee antenna tuner gets here in time to push some RF into the atmosphere.

I'll keep you posted on the kit building. One of the things I enjoy the most about the QRP-L is the building experience of others, so I hope you don't mind the bandwidth on this one.

Cheers, 72 & 73

KJ5VW/0

Gary R. Hanson

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: george <georges@telerama.lm.com>
Subject: [5158] my call
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9603030344.C26489-0100000@terrazzo.lm.com>

Well folks i'm now official. Found out my call tonight N3WXI. Now I need a dummy load so I can align this old HW-101, an antenna tuner and I'll be on the air. See you all on the bands real soon now.

George N3WXI

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An armed society is a polite society. -Robert Heinlein-

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Thom.LaCosta@f0.n105.z105.fido261.qis.net (Thom LaCosta)
Subject: [5159] my call
Message-ID: <3aa_9603030915@fido261.qis.net>

george wrote in a message to All:

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g> antenna tuner and I'll be on the air. See you all on the bands real
g> soon now.

g> George N3WXI

congrats!

Thom LaCosta

N3WDV

Our Business is Business

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|Internet: Thom.LaCosta@f0.n105.z105.fido261.qis.net

|Standard disclaimer: This user speaks only for him/her self.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996

From: WJ4PRandy@aol.com

Subject: [5165] Plural of "y'all"

Message-ID: <960303144420_236599038@emout07.mail.aol.com>

I saw Paul's (aa4xx) Knightlite posting and couldn't resist
passing along something I learned in Texas a couple of
weeks ago...

The plural of "y'all" is "all-y'all".

73, Randy WJ4P

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996

From: cmassey@airmail.net (Cleve Massey)

Subject: [5155] QRP PLUS

Message-ID: <v02130400ad5ee672101d@[206.66.4.202]>

I have been away a long time...all of Feb. Before leaving thought I caught
a blurb about a new and improved QRP PLUS...and even more important a
mention of a group buy...

Am I imagining this or is it so...

any info would be helpful as I sold a TS-50 and want a QRP PLUS for the
spring travelling I have planned...

tnx...cleve

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Dick Schneider <74602.3317@compuserve.com>
Subject: [5170] QRP SSB DX
Message-ID: <960304002931_74602.3317_EHH69-1@CompuServe.COM>

QRP/SSB RESULTS

ARRL DX CONTEST/PHONE

15 Meters: Belize 1, Guatemala 1, Mexico 1, Bermuda 1, Venezuela 1
20 Meters: Hawaii 2, Japan 1, Alaska 2, Br. Virgin Is. 1
40 Meters: Mexico 2, St. Martin 1, Barbados 1, Japan 1
80 Meters: Mexico 1

STATION: Kenwood TS140S, 5 Watts, ATTIC Dipole

Great Field Day Training!

Dick/KB0SRY..

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: majewski@erim.org (Ron Majewski)
Subject: [5163] QRP SSB DX'ing
Message-ID: <9603031725.AA24488@spsd630a.erim.org>

Hello!

This morning I'm the poster child for successful QRP SSB DX'ing!

After handling the early morning feeding for our two month old daughter, I struggled down to the shack for a quick look at the bands. 40m was in good shape and I found NP4A calling CQ in the ARRL DX contest. No takers for his call. Sad to say, I picked up the microphone and tossed in my call, assuming that I'd be running 100w. (Gasp!) This is 40m SSB, after all. :) He heard me the first time and we made the requisite exchanges without a hitch.

I noticed that my power meter wasn't indicating anything, and this immediately focussed my sleep-deprived attention. Argh! Was my radio dead? No, not dead -- just turned down to 2w. Great. But 2w on 40m to PR on the first call? Too good to be true! Another 10 minutes of tuning snagged me VP5X (Turks & Caicos), 8P9Z (Barbados), and XE2DV (Mexico). What a thrill. My antenna is a quarter-wave vertical with its base at 17ft and six radials. Good, but even in my wildest dreams it's not a yagi.

The moral of the story is give it a try -- you never know!

72/3.

Ron (wb8ruq).
majewski@erim.org

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Dick Schneider <74602.3317@compuserve.com>
Subject: [5171] Ramsey Kits
Message-ID: <960304010931_74602.3317_EHH89-1@CompuServe.COM>

My experience with Ramsey kits is the same as Fred Ringwald's. I too thought they'd be a good learning experience but, because of their shortcomings, they really aren't.

When I drive across town to Gateway Elec. to buy one, I stop at the neighborhood coffee shop to slurp coffee and count parts. Then I drive back to Gateway and get the missing ones.

The receivers suck. I finally switched a cap so I could have some reasonable spread on 30 meters. The transmitters don't seem all that bad. I have QSO'd with my 30 meter version.

I've built two amps - 40 and 30. Both didn't work, and I sent them back for repair (of course, they wanted money).

Their keyer seems to work somewhat erratically.

So, out of sheer stubbornness, I am building an all-Ramsey CW station: tx,rx,keyer,amp and rf relay to really provide tx/rs switching. I'll put it in a custom case and then drag it around to QRP displays.

Yes, for the beginner, I think an OHR kit or maybe a Ten Tec receiver kit would be better.

72/73

Dick/KB0SRY..

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: N9JCV@delphi.com
Subject: [5175] Ramsey Kits
Message-ID: <01I1X09TVB02972G98@delphi.com>

I hate to see everybody so down on Ramsey Kits.

I have built several Ramsey kits and have not had problems with any of them. The ones I have built are as follows:

- Ramsey Mini Receiver for 30M and 40M
- Ramsey Transmitter for 40M
- Ramsey Crystal Radio (I really liked this one)
- Ramsey 2 Meter Amp (Currently discontinued)
- Ramsey T/R switch (for the above amp)

All of the kits went together smoothly. I was never missing even 1 Part. The directions are very nice and they provide technical information on how things actually work.

I have built many kits from other Vendors as well. I have to say that Ramsey kits are about the middle of the road as far as the quality goes. But don't get me wrong here. All parts and documentation are there, they work. What more do you want. Perhaps the kit quality varies by the type of Kit. I have been using the 2 meter amp for close to 2 years both mobile and home and have not had 1 problem with it.

Hope this helps you.

73 Bruce
exit

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: ae4ic@nr.infi.net (BOB KELLOGG)
Subject: [5176] Ramsey Kits
Message-ID: <199603040253.VAA31348@mh004.infi.net>

C'mon, Guys,

Let's don't stomp Ramsey too hard. I've built two Ramsey kits. Both were complete and the instructions we're good enough for me to build them. The parts were not the finest, but they were adequate.

The first, before I got my license, was the shortwave radio. It worked when I turned it on. It wasn't much of a receiver, because it tuned 2-1/2 MHz, and it was hard for me to tell what I was listening to. But, I enjoyed fooling with it, and one of these days I'm going to modify it to suit my needs as a ham. I may even make it into a transceiver.

The second was their cmos keyer. It was my first keyer, using a spatula for a paddle, per their hacksaw blade instructions. (the first YL I told about my spatula key never came back to me -- but that's another story) It worked fine, after I corrected a mistake I made. (swapped capacitors) But, in the meantime, I found Ramsey helpful, and they even sent me a replacement part (free) that could have been bad, but wasn't.

I wouldn't recommend their stuff to compete with the rigs and accesories we talk about here all of the time. But, for me those kits were a cheap investment in learning a little more about modern electronic circuits. I got my money's worth.

CUL,

Bob Kellogg, AE4IC

Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Paul Erickson <paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca>
Subject: [5173] VE7CQK/qrp 96 ARRL SSB
Message-ID: <9603040208.AA14473@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca>

Well, I know that even though my cw skills are not *yet* up to scratch I like cw contests better. Hard work, but lots of personal qrp ssb firsts. Results as follows.

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST 1996

Call: VE7CQK
Mode: SSB

Country: Canada
Category: Single Operator/QRP

BAND	QSO	QSO	PTS	PTS/Q	COUNTRIES
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160	0	0	0.0	0
80	1	3	3.0	1
40	1	3	3.0	1
20	18	54	3.0	11
15	5	15	3.0	4
10	0	0	0.0	0

Totals	25	75	3.0	17 = 1,275
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All reports sent were 59(9), unless otherwise noted.

Equipment Description:

QRP plus, TS930s (5watts), homebrew 40ft and 60ft verticals,
NEC Multispeed - ct7.xx

Soap Box:

High point: Working PY0FF, all countries worked were firsts with qrp/ssb

Low Point: not working TI1C, V31DX, ZP0R, J37K

Oddest experience: While trying to work TI1C (unsucessfully), hearing him say "very weak signal, put on a linier and help me out". Now how can I do that and maintain my qrp status????? ;-)

*** DUPE SHEET for 80 SSB ***

VE7CQK	96ARRLSB	Single Operator	03 Mar 1996	2328z
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KL7Y

*** DUPE SHEET for 40 SSB ***

VE7CQK	96ARRLSB	Single Operator	03 Mar 1996	2328z
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JA8YBY

*** DUPE SHEET for 20 SSB ***

VE7CQK	96ARRLSB	Single Operator	03 Mar 1996	2328z
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AH6NJ
AL7MU
JA1YGU

JA8YBY
JF1SEK
JH7DNO
JH8CLU
OI1JD
OI7LTK
OI8LQ
P40V
PY0FF
SK2KW
VP2V/KK9A
VP9DX
WH6CQH
WP2AHW
XE2DV

*** DUPE SHEET for 15 SSB ***

VE7CQK 96ARRLSB Single Operator 03 Mar 1996 2328z

AH6IM
AH8A
F05IW
WR6R/KH6
XE2KB

cheers, Paul
VE7CQK
email: paul1@wizard.ucs.sfu.ca

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: aa7qy@primenet.com (Roger Hightower)
Subject: [5161] Re: 49er
Message-ID: <199603031536.IAA00549@usr5.primenet.com>

At 01:42 AM 3/3/96 EST, Alan Kaul wrote:
>Can't wait much longer for for either QRPP or QQ info and schematics.

>From the original posting by Doug, KI6DS:

If you positively can't wait, send a business sized S.A.S.E to me (Doug)
and \$1 and I will send you a copy of the article.

His address: Doug Hendricks, KI6DS
862 Frank Avenue

Dos Palos, CA 93620

Worked for me.

72/73, de Roger, AA7QY

NorCal 1099 CoQRP 176 QRP-L 62 G-QRP 9081 ARCI 8946 NE-QRP 383

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: herr@ridgecrest.ca.us (Michael Herr)
Subject: [5119] re>A QRP adventure of the thunderous kind
Message-ID: <v01530504ad5f5f4ab309@[199.120.150.77]>

Wow! what A rude awaking. Had a similar thing happen to me while backpacking. I had a great time operating CW late into the night and set the rig aside for a couple of zzzzzs. I was awoken with the sound of thunder. I was in a relative protected area but suddenly realize that the coax was there next to my ear, a very nice conductor to me. A quickley threw it out side and away. From that time on when I go to sleep I always make sure the coax is well away and hanging in the trees.

72

Mike

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Geoffrey Geduld <ggeduld@frontier.canrem.com>
Subject: [5137] Re: Litz Wire
Message-ID: <030396.041329.12959@frontier.canrem.com>

>>in that each strand is enameled and, therefore, hard to get down to bare metal.

> (Any readers with a handy hint on this? -- yeh, I know, use the plastic coated

>stuff)

>Bob,

Back in the dark ages!! We would use a match or cigarette lighter to burn off the cotton wrap and the heat would crack and char the enamel coating which was then easy to wipe off with the fingers. I don't know if this technique works with modern enamels and covering materials. It might be worth trying.

73 Geoff VA3GEG de Toronto

ggeduld@frontier.canrem.com>

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: Steven Wilson <randyw@crl.com>
Subject: [5166] Re: Noise cancellation
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960303113834.10621B-100000@crl3.crl.com>

Ralph I check out the values of the inductors that I used in the passive Noise Cancellation circuit. The calculated value for each coil was 10.5 uH, however, each measured 11.5 uH. With a 140 mmf variable they tune from 3.5 MHz to just above 10 MHz.

Inductors were all wound in parallel on the same 2" dia PVC pipe. Spacing of 8 turns/inch. Coil length of 2.25 inches. I have not tried to match the impedance of the tuned circuit to the antenna, however, I believe a major improvement would be realized if the circuit to the receiver was a better match to the 50 ohm input impedance on mine.

I am adding a TenTec 10 db RF preamplifier in the line between the rcvr and noise cancellator circuit.

The real trick is to have a noise antenna that will pick up about the same level of noise without signal as the main antenna picks up with signal. Any signal picked up on the noise antenna is subtracted from the actual signal we wish to receive. So the shorter the noise antenna the better. I have also found that a short vertical wire works better than a short horizonial one.

I am also looking into using a toroid core.

Ralph hopefully some other experimenters will also try out the circuit and pass along their results. Experimenting is always fun.

cul de stan ak0b
e-mail via randyw@crl.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996
From: DYARNES@aol.com
Subject: [5177] Re: Plural of "y'all"

Message-ID: <960303231235_437334677@emout09.mail.aol.com>

Hi Y'all,

Some years back, when I was transferred to Memphis, I made some friends (at the local pub--all QRP enthusiasts, of course) who really had a lot of fun at my expense because I was having so much trouble understanding southern accents. After this went on a while, one of them presented me with a gift--a copy of a book called "How to Speak Southern" (or something similar to that).

This book is a hoot, and you should pick it up if you can find it. The first page or two set the tone. It starts out by asking the question "How do you spell rat?" It then answers itself by saying "R-A-T." Then it goes on, "No, no, I mean rat like in rat now!" The "twang's the thang" when it comes to speaking southern. All y'all have fun, ya hear! Bye-bye.

72 de David W5RMZ

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996

From: herr@ridgecrest.ca.us (Michael Herr)

Subject: [5164] RE> Ramsey kits

Message-ID: <v01530502ad60878ac71c@[199.120.150.46]>

Gang,

There has been a thread going on about the Ramsey kits and I wanted to add my two cents worth. I have had two bad experiences with them. First off, I bought my son a swl receiver from Ramsey to build. He got very frustrated with it. The board is sloppy and instructions fragmented and plain wrong. But this was not enough to deter me. I bought the 2 meter fm rig. I can sum up the results of that rig in one word, JUNK!.

I've build dozens of rigs over the years. A lot of Heathkits including HW101, HW-8, HW-9 and a verity of test equipment. 40 and 30 meter cw twoers, too many neophytes than I wish to remember, Norcal 40, Cascades and the like. In addition a few of my own design and projects out of QST, 73, CQ etc. I'm not bragging, just saying I have built a good deal, HF and VHF, all with good results. The Ramsey was my only bad taste.

First off, the receiver was broad as a barn door. After several phone calls they did send me a filter which helped, but not 100%. The Transmitter has a bad tone on transmit, the receiver took a lot of trouble shooting to get to work. We are not talking about mistakes on constructions, but rather design. The squelch is horrible and always drifting, audion was low, etc etc etc

Ramsey's help was almost non existance. Took them months to answer letters, phone calls were of little help and yes they would take a look at it, at MY EXPENSE! Bull!

I still have the rig and will not sell it. One of these days I will

either pull it out and plug away at it until I have a usable rig or I will take it out for target practice.

Buy Ramsey at your own risk!

72

Mike WA6ARA

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Sun Mar 3 22:35:42 1996

From: richards@nylink.org

Subject: [5172] RE: Ramsey kits

Message-ID: <9603040150.AA04481@genesis.nylink.org>

Hi Mike,

Sorry to hear you've had so much trouble with the Ramsey 2M xcvr. Some of their stuff isn't the greatest but I built the 2M rig and have no problem with it. I've used it for the last 2 years as a mobile. Except for a cold solder joint on the diode programming matrix, I've had no trouble with it. Works from 40 below zero to over 100 inside the car. It certainly worked much better than the Dick Smith Electronics 2M xcvr kit I had before it (how many people remember that little jewel).

By the way, if you bought the Ramsey matching case for the rig, I wouldn't suggest the target practice idea ;-)

72 de Rick WZ2T NNY

QRP-L, ARRL, QRP-ARCI, NorCal, NE-QRP, CQC

richards@nylink.org